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§10:127-10.20 Medication

(a) The facility shall ensure that adolescents use only prescription and non-prescription medication that is authorized by a physician.

1. The facility shall permit adolescents to administer medication to their infants and themselves, unless a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist advises otherwise; in such cases, the facility shall document the reasons in the adolescent's record.

2. The facility shall ensure that adolescents follow the advice of the infant's physician for administering medication to their infants.

3. The facility shall supervise the adolescent's administration of all medication she gives to her infant and may require the adolescent to record the information specified in (b) below.

(b) The facility shall maintain a medication log book that contains the following information:

1. The name of the adolescent or infant receiving medication, whether prescription or non-prescription;
2. The type of medication, dosage, and intervals between dosages;
3. What to do if a dosage is missed;
4. The reason for the medication;
5. The date and time the medication was administered;
6. Possible side effects of the medication, if any; and
7. The signature and title of staff member or adolescent dispensing medication.

(c) The facility shall ensure that the following procedures for storage are followed:

1. Facilities shall keep prescription and non-prescription drugs in a locked cabinet, or, as needed, a locked container in a refrigerator that is inaccessible to infants;
2. External drugs and internal drugs shall be stored in separate locked shelves;
3. All outdated stocks and prescriptions no longer in use shall be disposed of safely, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:127-7.4;
4. The telephone number of the regional poison control center shall be posted at all medication-dispensing stations and by each telephone; and
5. Medical supplies shall be stored in an area accessible to staff members